



POLICE FORCE,
(DETECTIVE BRANCH)

Shanghai Municipal Council.

February 24th

I. O. REQ

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Sir,

At 1 a.m. 23rd instant General Yang received a telegram from Chiangchun Feng Kuo Chang instructing him to dispatch four hundred and fifty soldiers from the Arsenal and a similar number from Woosung to Nanking immediately. During the night the required troops were placed on board the cruiser Hai Yung 海榮 and she sailed for Nanking yesterday morning before daylight.

Four field guns and six boxes of ammunition were placed on board the cruiser Tso Chi 楚濟 at the Arsenal yesterday forenoon and she started for Wuchang on the afternoon of the same day.

At present there are about six hundred persons employed in the Arsenal works. These work in two shifts. One lot operates from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the other lot from 5 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. The director is continually urging them to hurry up with the manufacture of munitions.

It is said that the Chinese merchants here are greatly perturbed because of rumours that the reserve funds of the Bank of China are being drawn upon by the Government and used for military purposes.

The s.s. Stromatan, which sailed from Shanghai for San Francisco on February 16th carried a consignment of leather, and simonyets which was despatched from Hankow by a German agency and transhipped at this port. The American trading Company are the export agents.

Yours Obedient Servant,

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.